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(SBU) On April 16 we delivered reftel points to Norwegian Meteorological Institute Director General Anton Eliasson and a courtesy copy the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs UN Section. Eliasson told us that Norway agrees with us on governmental rather than individual executive council representation and will support the U.S. candidate for the executive council. However, Norway sees a broader scope for the WMO and hence supports the German proposal to amend the WMO Convention, thereby raising the organization's profile. Eliasson will chair an ad hoc working group on the amendment and stated that with several differing views among member states, the outcome was uncertain. Regarding a World Climate Conference under WMO auspices, Eliasson told us that Norway is not opposed to such a meeting.
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